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DECLARATION & POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My correct residence, post office address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe myself to be the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original and first joint inventor (if more than one name is listed below) of the subject matter which is disclosed and claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

"A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING FLOODING IN BRIDGED NETWORKS"

The specification of this subject matter:

- is attached hereto.
- was filed on April 7, 2000;
- was assigned serial No. not yet assigned;
which was amended on _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified patent application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above. I do not know and do not believe that the claimed invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, and that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months (for a utility patent application) or six months (for a design patent application) prior to this application.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119 (a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

Number	Country	Month/Day/Year Filed	Yes	No

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in these prior United States application(s) in the manner provided by 35 U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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I hereby appoint Kenneth D'Alessandro, Registration No. 29,144; Timothy Brisson, Registration No.: 44,046; Michael Brandt, Registration No.: 39,119; Robert Hall, Registration No.: 39,209, Jonathan Velasco, Registration No.: 42,200, Michael Kerr, Registration No.: 42,722 and Victor Gallo, Registration No.: 41,768, as attorneys of record with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment, a copy of which is attached, from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above.

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I, the undersigned, declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing therefrom.



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I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made upon information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

S. Senthil
Signature of Inventor 1

04/19/2000
Date

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Senthil Sivakumar, a citizen of India, residing at 1235 Wildwood Avenue #108, Sunnyvale, CA 94089, have invented a "**A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING FLOODING IN BRIDGED NETWORKS**" for which I have executed application papers for a U.S. patent thereon which was filed on April 7, 2000, serial no. not yet assigned; and

WHEREAS, Cisco Systems, Inc., a California corporation, having a place of business in California, is desirous of acquiring the exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to the Letters Patent to be granted and issued therefore in the United States of America and its territories and possessions, and all countries foreign thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, for a valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, Senthil Sivakumar, do sell, assign, transfer and set over unto the said Cisco Systems, Inc., its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention, and in and to any and all Letters Patent to be granted and issued therefor, not only for, to and in the United States of America, its territories and possessions, but also for, to and in all other countries including all priority rights under the International Convention; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said Cisco Systems, Inc., its successors and assigns, in accordance with this Assignment.

WITNESS MY HAND at Sunnyvale, California, this
19th day of April 2000.

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